.able to deal with it very practically, very effectively,
and we think at first that the effectiveness of our
.action proves the entire and sufficient truth of our
isolating and analysing knowledge. Afterwards we
find that by getting beyond it we can arrive at a
greater truth and a greater effectivity. /

The isolation is certainly necessary for first
knowledge. A diamond is a diamond and a pearl
.a pearl, each thing of its own class, existing by its
-distinction from all others, each distinguished by its
-own form and properties. But each has also pro-
perties and elements which are common to both and
'others which are common to material things in
general. And in reality each does not exist only
.by its distinctions, but much more essentially by
that which is common to both; and we get back to
the very basis and enduring truth of all material
-things only when we find that all are the same
thing, one energy, one substance or, if you like, one
universal motion which throws "up, brings out,
combines, realises these different forms, these
various properties, these fixed and harmonised
potentialities of its own being. If we stop short
:at the knowledge of distinctions, we can deal only

with diamond and pearl as they are, fix their values,
uses, varieties, make the best ordinary use and
-profit of them; but if we can get to the knowledge
.and control of their elements and the common
properties of the class to which they belong, we
may arrive at the power of making either a diamond
-or pearl at our pleasure: go farther still and master